

Glenn F. Grahl

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Commander Grahl began his Coast Guard career as a leading quartermaster aboard CGC Valiant in Galveston, Texas, in 1984, after graduating from prior service training boot camp in Cape May, New Jersey. In 1986, after attending Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia, he reported to the CGC Clover in Eureka, California, serving as a Deck Watch Officer and Boarding Officer. As a plankowner, CDR Grahl was assigned in 1988 to the CGC Padre as Executive Officer in Key West, Florida. He then reported to Vessel Traffic Service New York on Governor's Island, in 1991, as a Watch Officer and later served as the Operations Officer. CDR Grahl was assigned in 1994 to the CGC Chandeleur in Miami, Florida, as Commanding Officer, participating in Operations Able Vigil, Able Manner, Frontier Shield, and Uphold Restore Democracy. CDR Grahl was awarded the Captain David H. Jarvis Award in 1995 for inspirational leadership during that tour. CDR Grahl reported to the

Office of Intelligence at the Seventh Coast Guard District in 1996 as the Senior Watch Officer for the Maritime Watch, eventually being assigned as the Assistant Branch Chief. CDR Grahl assumed duties as Executive Officer aboard CGC Durable in 2000. He then reported to the Seventh Coast Guard District Office of Law Enforcement as a Special Projects Officer in 2001. Following the staff assignment, CDR Grahl assumed command of Tactical Law Enforcement Team South in 2002. CDR Grahl will be the twentieth Commanding Officer of the CGC Vigorous, assuming command in the summer of 2005.

CDR Grahl attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science, from the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina.

CDR Grahl's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal with the Operational Distinguishing Device (four awards), the Commandant's Letter of Commendation with Operational Distinguishing Device, the Coast Guard Humanitarian Service Medal (two awards), the Coast Guard Expert Rifle Medal, and the permanent Cutterman's pin.

CDR Grahl is married to the former Robin Mandel from New York City, New York. They have a 10 year-old son, Hayden. CDR Grahl's eldest son, Glenn III, resides in Cape Coral, Florida.

